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Respectfully submitted,

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Attached is the document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449. The listed document is a Notice of Rejection issued in one of the priority JP Applications, JP 9-214943. A translation of relevant portions of the Notice of Rejection is also attached. Note that Figure 11, referenced in the Notice of Rejection, corresponds to Figure 34 of the subject U.S. Application. While the Ground of Rejection appears to be directed to the language used in one of the claims of the '943 priority application, this Notice of Rejection is supplied for the Examiner to determine whether the Japanese Examiner's objection is relevant to the specification and/or claims under consideration in this case.

It is hereby certified that the enclosed document, listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449, was first issued by the Japanese Patent Office as a Notice of Rejection mailed October 19, 2004 and thus issued in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months ago.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 is solicited.

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